



# WEEKLY REPORT

## ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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## Legislative News:

- Michael Anable has been selected as the Governor's Policy Advisor for Natural Resource issues. Mr. Anable is the former State Land Commissioner under Governor Hull and has held other positions in government and the private sector. Mr. Anable starts his duties on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- In a Joint Appropriations Hearing late yesterday, the JLBC reported that Arizona's revenue for January is 37% below than that of the year before. The budget deficit for FY-09 that the Legislature just adjusted at \$1.6 billion may not be enough to balance this budget. Estimates as high as an additional \$425 million have been mentioned for balancing FY-09.
- HB 2088 was amended by a strike everything amendment and passed yesterday that would take 20 million dollars slated to go into the land conservation fund and distribute among ADWR, Parks, Land, Water Banking authority and the Game and Fish Department to fill in sweeps or cuts taken by the legislature in FY '09. The measure would extend growing smarter one more year to place an additional \$20 million in the fund to hold it harmless. The measure requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote. It passed committee 6-3 (All democrats voting no). \$145,000 was appropriated to the Department.
- Arizona's House of Representatives held an unusually lengthy floor debate on ultimate vote to eliminate the House Rule that requires advanced public notice for conference committees in ironing out final versions of bills. The vote to pass this rule change that was established in 2001 was 34-24 along party lines. The irony of this voted-up rule change is that there are several bills introduced this session relating to transparency in government.

# POSTED CALENDARS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS

## Quick Reference AGFD-Related Legislation (For Period Ending Friday, February 13, 2009)

### Support

H2064: WILDLIFE; GUIDES; WASTED MEAT	The definition of "guide" in game and fish statutes is changed. Also, the list of actions which may result in the Game and Fish Commission revoking or suspending a license is expanded to include taking wildlife and permitting an edible portion to go to waste.	First sponsor: Rep. Konopnicki	1/26House <a href="#">nat res-rural</a> held.
H2157: WILDLIFE; AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES	The director of the Game and Fish Department is authorized to establish an aquatic invasive species program to establish a list of aquatic invasive species and to take steps to eradicate or abate their spread.	First sponsor: Rep. McLain	1/26House <a href="#">nat res-rural</a> held.

### Oppose

H2235: GAME & FISH COMMISSIONERS; APPOINTMENT	Game and Fish Commission members must have a continuous recorded registration with the same political party or as an independent for at least 5 years immediately preceding the appointment, must have held a valid hunting or combination hunting and fishing license for at least those 5 years, and must have been an Arizona resident for at least 10 years. Applications for appointment to the Commission are public records.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	1/20referred to House <a href="#">nat res-rural</a> .
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### Monitor

H2005: STREETS; OBSTRUCTIONS PROHIBITED	A person shall not obstruct a street with an obstacle or barrier that restricts traffic flow, such as a ditch, rut, speed bump or gate.	First sponsor: Rep. Konopnicki		1/13 referred to House <a href="#">trans- inf.</a>
H2014: MUNICIPALITIES; EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY	The authority for a municipality to exchange a parcel of real estate for another that is of substantially equal value is no longer limited to parcels located within the incorporated limits of the city or town.	First sponsor: Rep. Konopnicki		2/11 from House <a href="#">gov</a> with amend <a href="#">#4028</a> .
H2024: LAW ENFORCEMENT; DUTY FITNESS EXAMINATION	If an entity requires a law enforcement or probation officer to submit to a physical exam to determine fitness for duty, the employer must provide the officer with the results of the exam within 3 days of receipt of the results.	First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh	Hearing: House Military Affairs & Public Safety (Wednesday 02/18/09 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 3)	2/11 House <a href="#">mil-pub</a> held.
H2027: WEAPONS; PEACE OFFICERS; POSSE; RESERVES	A person who has received firearms training approved by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board and who volunteers for a sheriff's posse or reserve duty is exempt from the requirement to have concealed carry permit while on duty. Likewise, a permit to carry a weapon is not required of a retired law enforcement officer who possesses an ID that states the person is honorably retired from a law enforcement agency. Also, the criminal	First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh		2/4 from House <a href="#">mil-pub</a> do pass.

	classification for using a weapon to commit or further an act of terrorism is increased to a class 2 felony (from class 3).			
H2050: TECH CORRECTION; TRAPPING LICENSE	Minor change to Title 17 (game and fish) pertaining to the taking of wildlife. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Seel		1/13 referred to House <a href="#">rules</a> only.
H2088: TECH CORRECTION; MINERALS; LAND INVENTORY	Minor change in title 27 (minerals, gas & oil) pertaining to mineral products on state trust land. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Nichols		2/11 from House <a href="#">gov</a> with amend <a href="#">#4031</a> .
H2125: NONPROFIT CLUBS; PERMISSIBLE RAFFLES	Nonprofit booster clubs, civic clubs, or political clubs or committees may conduct raffles as long as proceeds do not exceed \$10,000, club members manage the raffle and do not receive monetary benefits other than those received by all participants, and the club's earnings are not used for the personal benefits of any club member.	First sponsor: Rep. Lesko		2/12 from House <a href="#">jud</a> do pass.
H2126: TAX REFUND CHECKOFF BOXES	The requirement for checkoff boxes for voluntary contributions to certain state funds to be on the first page of the individual income tax return form is eliminated. Applies to tax years beginning January 1, 2010. Due to voter protection, this bill requires a 3/4 vote of each house of the legislature for passage.	First sponsor: Rep. Lesko		1/26 from House <a href="#">ways-means</a> do pass.
H2128: TECH CORRECTION; OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES	Minor change in Title 28 (transportation), relating to off-highway vehicle equipment. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers		1/22 referred to House <a href="#">rules</a> only.
H2135: STATE CONTRACTS; PARTICIPATION GOAL; VETERANS	Effective January 1, 2010, the Department of Administration must establish a goal of awarding 3% or more of specified state procurement contracts to veteran owned businesses (defined). The Department must establish by rule procedures for meeting the goal, including compiling a registry of veteran owned businesses.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	Hearing: House Military Affairs & Public Safety (Wednesday 02/18/09 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 3)	1/20 referred to House <a href="#">mil-pub. gov.</a>
H2150: ANIMALS; FIGHTING	The crime of dog fighting is renamed animal fighting and is expanded to include any fight in which animals are intended to injure each other. Animal fighting, like dog fighting, is a class 5 (second lowest) felony. Similarly, the class 6 felony of stealing a dog for the purpose of dog fighting is expanded to stealing an animal for fighting. Exemption is provided for animals trained to protect livestock from predators	First sponsor: Rep. Sinema	Hearing: House Judiciary (Thursday 02/19/09 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 4)	1/20 referred to House <a href="#">jud.</a>
H2174: FIREARMS; GAME REFUGES	Concealed weapons permit holders may carry firearms or game-taking devices on a game refuge.	First sponsor: Rep. Antenori		2/2 House <a href="#">nat res-rural</a> held.
H2217: LOBBYISTS; GIFT BAN	Lobbyist gift ban laws are re-written, deleting language prohibiting gifts of more than \$10. Various exceptions are provided, including an education event (defined), non-recreational travel (defined), a special function, food and beverage not exceeding \$25, and services rendered on matters pertaining to holding or being a candidate for public office. The secretary of state must biennially adjust the per-meal limit on food and beverage according to the percentage change in the consumer price index for the preceding two years.	First sponsor: Rep. Ableser		1/20 referred to House <a href="#">gov. jud.</a>
H2231: BALD EAGLE; ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT	Establishes regulations for endangered and threatened species, under the direction of the Game and Fish Department and Commission. Provisions include a process of investigations and research for the Commission to develop a list of native wildlife species that are threatened or endangered, prohibited acts relating to those species and penalties for violations, the development of recovery plans and management programs, and enforcement authority for game rangers, wildlife managers and other peace officers. The Arizona bald eagle is required to remain listed as an endangered species through 2016.	First sponsor: Rep. Ableser		1/20 referred to House <a href="#">nat res-rural. appro.</a>
H2232: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SPECIAL PLATES	The list of special vehicle license plates is expanded to include a "wildlife conservation" plate, provided that by December 31, 2009, \$32,000 is paid to the Department of Transportation for start-up costs. Of the \$25 annual license fee, \$8 is deposited into the State Highway Fund, and the	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers		2/5 from House <a href="#">trans-inf</a> with amend <a href="#">#4020</a> .

	remaining \$17 is donated to the newly created Wildlife Conservation Special Plate Fund, for which funds are allocated for habitat improvement or restoration and wildlife conservation related programs.			
H2240: RULE MAKING; STATE AGENCIES; MORATORIUM	State agencies are prohibited from conducting rule making that would impose increased monetary or regulatory costs on other state agencies, political subdivisions, persons, or individuals. Exemptions for rule making done to avoid a violation of a federal law or court order that could result in sanctions or to prevent an imminent threat to public health or safety. Self-repeals July 1, 2011. Emergency clause.	First sponsor: Rep. Tobin		2/4 from House <a href="#">com</a> with amend <a href="#">#4013</a> .
H2250: PUBLIC TRUSTS LANDS; USE PERMIT	The State Land Department may grant a permit for a political subdivision to use public trust lands along the Colorado River if the use will be consistent with the public trust.	First sponsor: Rep. McLain		2/10 from House <a href="#">nat res-rural</a> with amend <a href="#">#4025</a> .
H2253: PUBLICATION OF NOTICES; WEBSITES	Legal notices required to be published by government entities may be published on the official website of the entity instead of, as formerly, in a newspaper printed within the boundaries of the entity.	First sponsor: Rep. Jones		2/10 House <a href="#">gov</a> FAILED 4-5.
H2264: AGENCIES; FUND SOURCES; EXPENDITURES; REPORT	The Governor's Office and every state agency and budget unit must submit a monthly report to the JLBC that details all sources of monies, the purposes for which the money will be expended and the caseloads for each population for which the monies are intended to provide services. Instead of a monthly report, budget units may satisfy this requirement by posting the information daily on its official website.	First sponsor: Rep. Crump		1/28 from House <a href="#">gov</a> do pass.
H2275: TECH CORRECTION; GAME & FISH	Minor change in Title 17 (game & fish) pertaining to prison inmates being used to construct, maintain or operate facilities for game and fish. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Rep. Jones	Hearing: House Natural Resources & Rural Affairs (Monday 02/16/09 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 4)	2/12 additionally referred to House <a href="#">nat res-rural</a> .
H2279: STATE DEBT; EXPENDITURES; REPORT	The list of duties of the JLBC is expanded to include an analysis of state debt, terms of financing, the impact of the debt on taxes and expenditures, the appropriate revenue streams dedicated for repayment and the total amount of state debt. The Department of Revenue must provide directly to the JLBC that portion of the Dec. 15 annual report to the Governor and Legislature on outstanding indebtedness and debt limitations that pertain to the state's debt and expenditures.	First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh		2/11 House <a href="#">appro</a> held.
H2282: EQUINE TRIPPING; VIOLATION	Knowingly or intentionally tripping an equine for entertainment or sport is a class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by at least 48 consecutive hours in jail and a fine of at least \$1000 for a first offense, 30 consecutive days in jail and a fine of at least \$2000 for a second offense, and 90 consecutive days in jail and a fine of at least \$2000 for a third or subsequent offense.	First sponsor: Rep. Sinema		1/20 referred to House <a href="#">jud</a> .
H2289: CLAIM OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY	Arizona, on behalf of itself and its political subdivisions, asserts and claims rights-of-way across public lands acquired from the effective date of applicable federal law through October 21, 1976, and does not recognize or consent to the exchange, waiver or abandonment of any of these rights-of-way unless by formal, written official action recorded by the county recorder.	First sponsor: Rep. Jones		1/20 referred to House <a href="#">nat res-rural</a> .
H2327: RETIREMENT; PSPRS; OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS	Various changes to statutes governing the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, including exempting investment contracts made by the fund manager from requirements to be audited by the state, to certify that the contractor has no business operations in Sudan or Iran, and to certify that the contractor complies with federal and state immigration laws and nondiscrimination laws. Also allows the fund manager not to comply with local board decisions that violate the internal revenue code or threaten the plan's status, gives the fund manager authority to settle litigation against the System, designates PSPRS as a jural entity that may sue and be sued, and makes clarifying changes to benefits for surviving spouses and children of deceased members.	First sponsor: Rep. Boone		2/11 from House <a href="#">pub-ret-ent</a> do pass.

H2328: PUBLIC RECORDS; NAME REDACTION	Public officers may remove the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the sending party of an email that is disclosed as a public record.	First sponsor: Rep. Boone		1/20 referred to House <a href="#">gov.</a>
H2350: WILDFIRE PROTECTION; FUEL; PRIVATE PROPERTY	County boards of supervisors are required instead of allowed to adopt a current wildland-urban interface code, and must compel owners or lessees of property located in unincorporated areas to establish and maintain defensible space (defined) around the property pursuant to the code.	First sponsor: Rep. Mason		1/20 referred to House <a href="#">nat res-rural</a> , <a href="#">gov.</a>
H2380: PERSONAL INFO; INTERNET; ELIGIBLE PERSONS	A person eligible to request that their personal information not be made available on the Internet must make a written demand to the person who is posting that information to not communicate it. It is unlawful to continue to do so. The written demand, which must contain prescribed information, is effective for four years.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	Hearing: House Military Affairs & Public Safety (Wednesday 02/18/09 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 3)	2/5 referred to House <a href="#">mil-pub</a> .
H2401: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	An Administrative Rules Oversight Committee is established, consisting of 5 members of the House of Representatives, 5 Senators, and the Governor or designee, and given oversight over any rules except those specifically exempted from the Administrative Procedures Act by statute.	First sponsor: Rep. Williams	Hearing: House Government (Tuesday 02/17/09 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 4)	2/5 referred to House <a href="#">gov.</a>
H2539: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; MINORS; RESTRICTIONS	Persons under 18 are prohibited from operating off-road or all-terrain vehicles between midnight and 5 a.m. At other times the person must have a valid driver license or be accompanied by a person 18 or older who does hold a valid driver license. Exemptions for hunting, ranching, farming or competitive events.	First sponsor: Rep. McGuire		2/12 referred to House <a href="#">trans-inf</a> .
H2550: POSSESSING DANGEROUS WILDLIFE; PROHIBITED	With certain exceptions, a person is prohibited from possessing, harboring or importing dangerous wildlife (identified in this bill as a members of one of 58 named species). A legislative intent section states the purpose of this act is to protect the safety and health of the wildlife population of the state from wildlife being held as pets.	First sponsor: Rep. Chad Campbell		
H2576: PROCUREMENT SERVICES; OUTSOURCING PROHIBITED	The state may not award a contract or provide any "development assistance" (defined to include tax credits and the like) to a vendor, contractor or subcontractor or to an applicant for development assistance who performs the work at a site outside of the U.S. All bids and applications for assistance must include a certification that the work will be done in the U.S.	First sponsor: Rep. Fleming		
HCR2003: LEGISLATURE; DESIGNATED SEAT	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to designate two separate seats in the House of Representatives for each legislative district. Candidates would be required to file to run for either seat A or seat B.	First sponsor: Rep. Crump		
HCR2028: VOTER-PROTECTED FUNDING; TEMPORARY DEFICIT SUSPENSION	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend Article IV, Part 1, Section 1, of the state Constitution to permit the Legislature, if a budget deficit exists and with approval of the Governor, to divert and appropriate funds created or allocated by initiative or referendum.	First sponsor: Rep. Biggs		
HCR2029: FUNDING BALLOT MEASURES; REAUTHORIZATION	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend Article IV, Part 1, of the state Constitution to limit the effective period for an approved initiative that authorizes or requires expenditure of state monies to eight years. The measure must be resubmitted to the electorate at the end of the eight year period. Retroactive to cover all previous initiatives or referenda that expend state funds, all of which must be re-referred to the electorate at the immediate next general election.	First sponsor: Rep. Stevens		
HCR2030: INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM; VOTER APPROVAL	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend various parts of the state Constitution to require a 2/3 majority for passage of any initiative or referendum that imposes a new tax, increases tax rates, reduces a tax deduction, increases a statutorily prescribed fee, imposes a new fee or eliminates an exemption from a statutorily prescribed fee. Also, school budget overrides must be approved by a 2/3 majority.	First sponsor: Rep. Stevens		
HCR2033: INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM REFORM	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend various parts of the state Constitution to	First sponsor: Rep. Sinema		

	require that a measure referred by the Legislature to the ballot must receive a 2/3 majority in each chamber. Also the number of signatures required for an initiative that proposes a constitutional amendment is reduced to 10% (from 15%) of the number of total votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election.			
S1001: GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; WEB & VIDEO CONFERENCING	Requires the purchase, training and usage of on-line Web and video conference software by statewide governmental agencies, municipalities, counties, school districts, state universities and community college districts. Software functionality must include capability to calculate cost savings from using Web and video conferencing software. Establishes a Web and Video Conferencing Savings Committee consisting of three members from both the House of Representatives and Senate, and five members appointed by the governor to collect and compile the reported cost savings of each government entity. Self-repeals on January 1, 2014. [Note: session law only; does not change statutes.]	First sponsor: Sen. Waring		
S1021: INCOME TAX; TAX REFUND CHECK-OFF BOXES	For tax years beginning Jan 1, 2010, the requirement that all voluntary tax refund check-off boxes (e.g., for contributions to the domestic violence shelter fund, the clean elections fund, the child abuse prevention fund, etc.) must appear on the first page of the state's income tax form is deleted. Because of the change to the voter-approved Clean Elections law, this bill requires a 3/4 majority in each chamber for passage (Prop 105: Voter Protection Act).	First sponsor: Sen. Waring		
S1038: TECH CORRECTION; AGENCY ACCOUNTS	Minor change in Title 35 (Public Finance), relating to payment of state agency accounts. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce		
S1099: UNIFORM STATE LAWS COMMISSION	A three-member Commission on Uniform State Laws is created to investigate and recommend the adoption of laws similar or identical to legislation in other states. Members are appointed by the governor; at least one meeting per year is required. Sunsets on July 1, 2019.	First sponsor: Sen. C. Allen		
S1115: ANIMALS; FIGHTING	The crime of dog fighting is renamed animal fighting and is expanded to include any fight in which animals are intended to injure each other. Animal fighting, like dog fighting, is a class 5 (second lowest) felony. Similarly, the class 6 felony of stealing a dog for the purpose of dog fighting is expanded to stealing an animal for fighting. Exemption is provided for animals trained to protect livestock from predators.	First sponsor: Sen. Paton		
S1142: PUBLIC EXPENDITURE TRANSPARENCY DATABASE	Counties and municipalities must establish and maintain a searchable database on their individual websites that contain comprehensive information on revenue and expenditures by the entity. Effective either on Jan. 1, 2010 or Jan. 1, 2011 depending on the population of the entity. The effective date for the state to implement a similar online database is advanced one year to Jan. 1, 2010.	First sponsor: Sen. Paton		
S1151: CONVENIENCE FEE; DEFINITION	A convenience fee (previously limited to transactions conducted over an Internet portal operated by the state) may be charged on transactions on a voice response portal as well.	First sponsor: Sen. Tibshraeny		
S1155: TECH CORRECTION; TRUST LANDS; CONSERVATION	Minor change in Title 37 (public lands) pertaining to trust lands suitable for conservation. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Sen. Pierce		
S1168: FEDERAL MONIES; REPORT	The Governor's Office and each state agency must annually submit to the JLBC a detailed report on federal monies received and any state matching requirements for receipt or expenditure of these monies. Agencies are further required to submit caseload information on each population to be served by the federal money as well as a five-year summary of historical caseload information on each population.	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce		
S1171: STATE AGENCY RULE MAKING; MORATORIUM	With some exceptions, the state may not impose a new rule that would impose an increased monetary or regulatory cost on businesses, other state agencies, political subdivisions or individuals. Self-repeals on July 1, 2010.	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce		
S1179: OFF-HIGHWAY	Sellers of "off-highway vehicles" (defined in this bill) must	First sponsor:		

VEHICLE FRANCHISES	be licensed and regulated.	Sen. Nelson		
S1208: LOBBYISTS; PROHIBITED ACTS	A registered lobbyist shall not provide to any public official information that the lobbyist knows to be false. Violation is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor and is subject to a civil penalty. Additional punishment for conviction is being barred from acting as a lobbyist for three years.	First sponsor: Sen. McCune Davis		
S1226: TECH CORRECTION; STOCKPOND REGISTRATION	Minor change in Title 45 (waters) pertaining to stockpond registration. Apparent striker bus.	First sponsor: Sen. Pierce		
S1260: AGGREGATE MINE RECLAMATION LAW; EXEMPTION	Conditions are set forth under which an aggregate mining unit is exempt from regulatory and reclamation provisions otherwise required. Emergency clause.	First sponsor: Sen. S. Allen		
S1279: EQUINE TRIPPING	It is illegal to knowingly or intentionally trip a equine (horse, mule, etc). Violation is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for a first offense and \$2,000 for a subsequent offense.	First sponsor: Sen. Paton		
S1287: APPROPRIATIONS; NOTICE REQUIREMENTS	The Legislature cannot consider either in committee or on the floor any appropriations or revenue measure unless it has been publicly available for at least 72 hours. Nor can the Legislature consider an amendment to an appropriations or revenue measure unless it has been publicly available for at least 24 hours. The requirement may be waived upon a 2/3 majority vote of the committee or chamber.	First sponsor: Sen. Gorman		
S1295: GAME & FISH COMMISSION; BISON	The authority granted to the Game and Fish Commission to purchase, sell or donate buffalo meat is changed to bison meat. The restriction against donating the meat to anything other than a charity or public institution is retained.	First sponsor: Sen. Nelson		
S1304: PUBLIC RECORDS; FEES	Unless a higher fee is specifically authorized in statute, a public body may not charge a fee for copies of public records that exceeds the cost of equipment, maintenance, and personnel time associated with reproducing the record. It may not include personnel costs associated with retrieving or redacting the document. Further, unless specifically permitted by statute, there shall be no cost to the public for inspecting a public record.	First sponsor: Sen. Tibshraeny		
S1305: PUBLIC RECORDS; ELECTRONIC FORMAT; FEES	Unless a higher fee is specifically authorized in statute, a public body may not charge a fee for copies of public records that exceeds the cost of equipment, maintenance, and personnel time associated with reproducing the record. It may not include personnel costs associated with retrieving or redacting the document. Further, unless specifically permitted by statute, there shall be no cost to the public for inspecting a public record. Additional requirements are imposed on custodians of public records kept in digital format when asked for access to or copies of public records. Because of a potential increase in state revenue from fees imposed for digital copies of public records in state custody, this bill requires a 2/3 majority in each chamber for passage (per Prop 108).	First sponsor: Sen. Tibshraeny		
S1318: GEOSPATIAL DATA; GEOGRAPHIC INFO COUNCIL	The Arizona Geographic Information Council is given statutory authority. [Capitol Reports note: the council was originally formed by executive order.] Various definitions in statutes dealing with public lands are changed to replace incorporate terms such as "geospatial data and "geographic information systems."	First sponsor: Sen. Nelson		
S1345: ASRS; AMENDMENTS	Various changes to statutes governing the Arizona State Retirement System, including changing the way the average monthly compensation is calculated for members hired after July 1, 2010 to be the highest 60 months of the past 120 months. [Capitol Reports note: for members hired before July 1, 2010, the average compensation is based on the highest 36 months of the past 120 months.] Also for members hired after July 1, 2010, the number of points required for normal retirement is increased to 85 from 80. [Capitol Reports note: "points" refer to the sum of a member's age and years of credited service.] Much more.	First sponsor: Sen. Gould		
S1348: MISLEADING PUBLIC OFFICIALS; VIOLATION	It is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor for a person to provide false information to a public official if the person has reason to know the information is false. It is also illegal to withhold information from a public official with the intent	First sponsor: Sen. Gould		

	to prejudice a decision by the official or a public body. A lobbyist convicted of a violation of this law is prohibited from acting as a lobbyist for three years. A public employee convicted of a violation of this law is subject to termination.			
S1356: VENTURE TRUCKS; REGULATION	Regulations are implemented for "venture trucks" defined as vehicles used primarily for cargo that has at least 4 wheels, an unladen weight not more than 1,800 pounds, a wheel base not exceeding 6'3" and a top speed of 25 mph. They are exempt from registration and insurance requirements.	First sponsor: Sen. Gould		
S1372: MERCHANDISING BUSINESSES FOR THE BLIND	Merchandising businesses operated as part of a public-private partnership agreement or as a rest stop improvement are added to the list of businesses exempt from mandatory preference to businesses operated by the blind.	First sponsor: Sen. Gorman		
S1444: APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL MONIES	The Legislature retains the authority to appropriate "noncustodial federal monies" (defined). For unanticipated federal monies that may become available when the Legislature is not in session, the Legislature may make a lump sum appropriation. If the Legislature does not make an appropriation, the budget unit with lawful authority will administer and spend the monies according to federal and state law.	First sponsor: Sen. Melvin		
S1453: OUTSOURCING; STATE SERVICES POSITIONS; PROHIBITION	State agencies, boards, commissions, and departments are prohibited from entering into any agreement or performing any act that results in a state service position being directly or indirectly established or transferred outside of the U.S.	First sponsor: Sen. Hale		
S1458: PROCUREMENT; CONSTRUCTION; SPECIALIZED SERVICES	Various changes in procurement procedures for state construction contracts, including a requirement that a contractor for rail systems must perform at least 30% of the work with its own personnel. The term used to describe a construction contract in which one party both designs and builds a project is changed to "two-step design-build" from "design-build." A "one-step design-build" contract is also added to define those contracts in which the contracting agency may let separate contracts for pre-construction (including design) services and construction services. The definition of "construction-manager-at-risk" contracts is changed to permit one-step design-build contracts. The state agency is also authorized to award in a single procurement process multiple contracts to different entities for the same project, based on demonstrated competence and experience. Procedures for bid evaluation are prescribed. More.	First sponsor: Sen. Huppenthal		
S1461: STATE AGENCY BUDGETS; REVIEW	The Legislature requests that the governor direct the Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting to review each agency's budget to find efficiencies that may yield "significant cost savings." An interim report is due by Jan. 11, 2010; a final report is due by Dec. 1, 2010. Session law only; does not change statute.	First sponsor: Sen. Gorman		
S1466: COUNCIL ON EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT	A seven-member Council on Efficient Government is established to review the level of service provided by government agencies and to determine whether efficiencies could be attained or the service could be improved through privatization. By June 30, 2010, the council shall prepare and maintain a classified inventory of state agency activities as to whether they are inherently governmental activities or whether they could be privatized (in whole or in part). Also includes procedures by which to review and analyze a business case for privatization.	First sponsor: Sen. Gorman		
SCR1006: STATE APPROPRIATION LIMIT; REDUCTION	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend Article IX, Section 17, of the state Constitution to reduce the maximum amount that the Legislature may appropriate in any fiscal year to 6.4% of the total personal income of the state from 7%. Effective for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011. State revenue in excess of appropriations in any fiscal year must be paid as a refund to individuals who filed tax returns for that year. Also gives any resident of this state legal standing to bring a civil action in superior court to enforce compliance.	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce		
SCR1009: VOTER-PROTECTION; TEMPORARY BUDGETARY	The 2010 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the Article IV, Part 1, Section 1, of the state Constitution to require	First sponsor: Sen. Pearce		



SUSPENSION	suspension of the protection afforded to appropriations stipulated by voter approved initiatives if doing so avoids a budget deficit.			
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## LEGEND

- Commission Direction – The Game and Fish Commission has given direction to the Department on these bills OR the department would like to address the commission about these bills.
- Oppose – The Game and Fish Commission has voted to oppose these bills.
- Support – The Game and Fish Commission has voted to support these bills.

AMEND C&P Constitutional and Proper as Amended by the House Rules Committee

APPROP Appropriations Committee

AGFD Arizona Game and Fish Department

C&P Constitutional and Proper

COW Committee of the Whole

DP Do Pass

DPA Do Pass as Amended

GF General Fund

GOV Government Committee

GR Government and Retirement Committee

H House Bill

HCR House Concurrent Resolution

HHR House Hearing Room

Hse. House of Representatives

JUD Judiciary Committee

PFC Proper for Consideration

PFCA Proper for Consideration as Amended by the Senate Rules Committee

S Senate Bill

S/E Strike Everything Amendment

Sen. Senate

SHR Senate Hearing Room

WM Ways and Means Committee

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